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Minsk Automobile Plant

1. Use of parts imported from America or Western Europe in this plant was not observed during 1949.
2. All tires used here come from Leningrad and are American made.
3. Sixty percent of truck production is allegedly destined for the Army. Forty percent of the trucks go to the domestic market.
4. A shipment of trucks was sent to the Soviet Zone of Germany.

Yaroslavl Automobile Plant

5. The trucks were delivered to Soviet Army details.
6. The trucks were allotted to the Soviet Army.
7. About 75 percent of the output was allotted to the Soviet Army; the remainder was for the civilian economy.

Comment: Sources were questioned for information regarding the use of US or western parts in these plants in 1948 and 1949, and on the destination of trucks made there.

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